



Manitoba Paint Recycling Program

Frequently Asked Questions by Consumers

What is the Manitoba Paint Recycling Program?

Starting May 1, 2012, consumers of residential-use paint can drop off leftover household paint at paint collection sites located throughout Manitoba, at no charge.

This program is operated by Product Care Association on behalf of paint manufacturers and retailers in Manitoba in response to the provincial *Household Hazardous Material and Prescribed Material Stewardship Regulation*. Phase One of the Manitoba Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program will launch on May 1 with household paint and all types of paint aerosols accepted for recycling across the province (as well as fluorescent lights). The full Manitoba HHW program will expand later in 2012 (Phase Two) with more household hazardous waste materials accepted for recycling. For more information, visit www.productcare.org/mb.

Why should I recycle my leftover paint?

Leftover paint ends up in our landfills and can leak into waterways if it is not properly managed. With the new Manitoba paint recycling program in place, there is no cost to drop off leftover paint products for recycling at a Product Care paint collection site.

What is done with the collected leftover paint?

The collected paint is sent for recycling (made back into recycled content paint) and/or energy recovery (used as a fuel in permitted facilities).

What products are accepted?

All household paints are accepted along with all types of paint aerosols. For a complete list, please visit www.productcare.org/mb.

How can I find the nearest collection site?

Our "depot finder" web page will be available by May 1, 2012 and updated regularly. Visit www.productcare.org, click on the province of Manitoba on the map of Canada, then select "find a depot"!

How much does it cost?

There is no fee charged at the time of drop off at any of the Product Care paint collection sites.

How is this program funded?

The program is funded by membership fees, known as "recycling fees", remitted to Product Care by its members based on the quantity of sales of the designated paint products sold in Manitoba. Some retailers show the recycling fee separately at point of purchase and some may include it in the product price. The recycling fee rates are set by Product Care. Program revenues are applied to the operation of the program, including education, collection system, administration, transport, recycling and disposal of unrecyclable collected residual products.

Where can I learn more about this program?

For program information, visit www.productcare.org/mb.